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Foretold the Principal Events that hath happened to England, both in Church and State from the Reign of King *Henry VIII.* down to the present Reign of his Gracious Majesty King *George II.* and likewise tells of things yet to come.

Part of this Prophecy was opened and explained by a Gentleman, and published in the Year 1740, but most Part of the Remainder which that Gentleman judged himself incapable of opening, is now unveiled and made plain to every Capacity.

To which is added a Postscript, enquiring whether the 71st and 72d Lines of the Verse-Prophecy belong to the *M—th—d—ts*, or not.

By *ALLEN CROSBY.*

And for that the Dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the Thing is established by God. — Gen. xli. 32.

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*** T is recorded that *John Hus*, who
 * I * was burnt by the Papists towards
 *** the Beginning of the Fifteenth
 Century, told his Executioners,
 That now they roasted a Goose, but in the
 Space of a Hundred Years Time they shou'd
 hear a Swan sing. Which was accordingly
 verified by Dr *Martin Luther's* Preaching
 just a Hundred Years after: and many other
 Instances have been of particular Persons
 foretelling future Events; but few such as
 the Author of this Prophecy whom some
 have accused of Witchcraft; But the Pub-
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lisher of her Prophecy bespeaks a better Opinion of her.

He tells us the genuine Character of Her is that she liv'd an extraordinary pious Life, and died in great Serenity of Mind, after giving advice to her Friends and Relations in a serious manner ; that she was a Person of an ordinary Education, but was supernaturally endow'd with an uncommon Penetration into Things, which made her become very famous.

We have likewise the Place of her Birth, the Minister's Name who baptized her, the Time of her Marrying, and the Name of her Husband, and where she lived, the Form of her Person, her Stature and Visage, with several Prophecies that are well known in *Yorkshire* to have happened according to her Predictions.

The Gentleman tells that after her Death, there was a Monument erected to her Memory of Stone, in the *High North Road* within about a Mile of the City of *York*, between the Villages of *Clifton* and *Shipton*,
Repre-

Representing a Woman on her Knees, with her Hands closed together in a praying Posture, which says the Author, is to be seen at this Day, (*Anno* 1740) and I suppose may be there still.

Now all these Circumstances which relate to her Life and Character, are so many Indications of the Veneration the People had of her, and of their good Opinion in her Favour.

'Tis true she was a Papist, but then here is this to be said in her Favour, that she lived before the Reformation; but never says one word against it, nay, she rather seems to desire it, as the 31st and 32d Lines of her Verse-Prophecy runs.

For a sweet pious Prince make Room,
And for the Kirk prepare a Broom.

And all along in her Prophecy says not a word against the Protestant Religion.

Having therefore so good Reason to believe her to have been a pious and sagacious Person, and believing that what she hath
dispensed

dispensed unto us, was providentially designed for the Benefit of the People of *England*; I am inclined to make this fresh Publication of her surprising Prophecy; and to unveil Part of it which I cannot find that any Person hath yet pretended to do.

This Verse-Prophecy we are told was delivered to the Abbot of *Beverly* and several other Persons by Mother *Ursula Shipton*, and put together with her Approbation, and preserved in Manuscript in the Lord P ———'s Family these many Years.



The PROPHECY runs thus:

A Bout the Time that One shall be
 Joined unto Two-times Three,
 And Four-times Ten , with Four-times
 Amongst us shall be great ado. [Two

5 An Eagle's Head that Time shall fall,
 And scatter fore his young Ones all :
 Then shall a Cypher swell full great,
 His Name a hundred takes the seat.
 And shall do mighty Things before

10 He is removed off the Shore !
 But Five times Ten, with Two and Six,
 Him in another world shall fix,
 And quickly after you shall spy
 The Eagle back again to fly.

15 He shall bedeck himself again
 With Feathers on his Father's Train,
 Till heavy Times shall make men say,
 Full oft, Alack and Well-a-Day !
 And after all a Cloud shall come,

20 And almost darken quite the Sun.

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And

And in that Time Actions shall be,
 Chiefly driven on by Three;
 The Cross, the Surplice and the Crown,
 Strive who shall put each other down.

25 Great Treachery and Blood shed then
 Shall sweep away great store of Men:
 The Lion and blue Flowers shall seek
 Quite to destroy the Heretic Sheep:
 And when the Cow shall ride the Bull,

30 Then motly Priest beware thy Scull.
 For a sweet pious Prince make Room,
 And for the Kirk prepare a Broom.
Alecto next shall seize the Crown,
 And streams of Blood, run *Smithfield*
 [down.
 A Maiden Queen, full many a Year,

35 Shall *England's* warlike Scepter bear.
 The Western Monarch's wooden Horses
 Shall be destroy'd by a *Drake's* Forces.
 The Northern Lion over *Tweed*,

40 The Maiden Queen shall next succeed:
 And join in One, Two mighty States,
 And then shall *Janus* shut his Gates.

Now

Now *England* soon is hard bested,
Before the Mitre's Head be rid.

45 False *Ireland* contrives our Woe,
But zealous *Scotland* doth not so.
Rough *Mars* shall rage as he were
[* Wood
And Earth shall darken'd be with Blood ;
Then will be sacrificed C.

50 And not a King in *England* be.
But Death shall snatch the Wolf away,
Confusion shall give up its Sway.
And Fate to *England* shall restore
A King, to Reign as heretofore.

55 Triumphant Death rides *London* thro',
And Men on Tops of Houses go.
J. R. shall into Saddle slide,
And furiously to *Rome* shall ride.
The Pope shall have a fatal Fall,

60 And never more distress *Whitehall*.
A Queen shall knit both North and
[South,
And take away the *Luce's* Tooth.

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* A North Country Word for Mad.

A Lion-Duce shall after Reign,
And of the Whiskers clear the Main.

65 But he that chanceth to Survive,
Shall see Old *England* mainly thrive :
England's Wonder, which ne'er hath
[been,
Three Queens in *England* shall be seen!
Two Dukes shall for the Crown contend,

70 And bring the *M*—— *y* to End.
Bishops shall fall into Contempt & Scorn,
And Gospel - Anglers shall the Kirk
[adorn.
If any ask how these Things come to
[pass;
The Fox shall ride the Goose, the Goose
[the As.

Which may be understood thus :

- 1 About the Time that One shall be
- 2 Joyned unto Two times Three.
- 3 And Four-times Ten, with Four-times
Two,
- 4 Amongst us shall be great ado.

This points at the Year 1648, at which
Period

Period there were great Commotions in
England.

- 5 An Eagles Head that Time shall fall.
6 And scatter fore his young ones all.

This doubtless alludes to the Death of
King *Charles* the First, and the Dispersion
of his Family.

- 7 Then shall a Cypher swell full great ;
8 His Name a Hundred takes the seat.

This seems to point out *Oliver Cromwel's*
advancement to the Office of Lord Pro-
tector.

- 9 And shall do mighty Things before
10 He is removed off the Shore.

This may refer to his Warlike Atchieve-
ments during his Protectorship which were,
as she terms them, mighty Things or
Deeds.

- 11 But Ten times five, with Two and Six,
12 Him in another World shall fix.

In the Year 58. he died

13 And

13 And quickly after you shall spy
14 The Eagle back again to fly.

Soon after the Death of *Oliver Cromwell*
King *Charles* the Second was restored to his
Kingdoms.

15 He shall bedeck himself again,
16 With Feathers on his Father's Train.

This it's likely may signify his streng-
thening himself with his Father's Friends
or Party.

17 Till heavy Times shall make men say
18 Full oft, Alack and Well-a-day!

This may perhaps allude to the Hard-
ships which the low Party so called, did
suffer in King *Charles's* Reign, and to the
increasing of Popery and arbitrary Power.

19 And after all a Cloud shall come,
20 And almost darken quite the Sun.

This I suppose may refer to the gaining
Interest of the Popish Party, as well as the
other Eight Lines following, which in
King

King *James* the Second's Time had almost
 extinguish'd the bright Light of the Gospel
 Sun. The twenty ninth Verse begins a-
 gain at the reign of King *Henry* the Eighth,
 and so proceeds downward successively to
 the reign of his present Majesty King *George*
 the Second, as the Gentleman who pub-
 lish'd the Prophecy hath ingeniously
 open'd, and who leaves off after explain-
 ing these two Lines:

- 63 A Lion-Duce shall after reign,
 64 And of the Whiskers clear the Main.

This the Gentleman supposeth may mean
 his present Gracious Majesty King *George*
 the II^d. who shall clear the Main of the
 Spaniards whose Custom it hath been ma-
 ny Years to wear Mustacio's or Whiskers,
 as the Northern Term is: but whether this
 Clearing of the Main be already done or not
 may admit of Dispute. I believe Time
 will be the best Interpreter. The other
 ten Lines are supposed to be yet to come.

There is likewise another Prophecy of
 the Lilly, which is generally said to be a-
 scribed to Mother *Shipton* as the Author of
 it,

it, but it is not certain to be hers. I shall insert it here, perhaps some Person of profounder Judgment may discover the meaning thereof. For my Part I am apt to guess that it's added to explain some Part of the Verse-Prophecy, and I think the most likely Time for its fulfilment is when the Lion-Duce shall clear the Main of the Whiskers: because it speaks so much concerning shipping.

The PROPHECY runs thus :

“ The Lilly shall remain in a merry
 “ World, and he shall be moved against
 “ the Seed of the Lion, and he shall
 “ stand on one side of his Country
 “ with a Number of Ships. Then com-
 “ eth the Son of Man with a fierce
 “ Beast in his Arms, whose Kingdom
 “ is the Land of the Moon so much
 “ dreaded throughout the whole World.
 “ With a Number of People shall he pass
 “ many Waters & shall come unto the Land
 “ of the Lion, looking for help of the
 “ Beast of his Country. And an Eagle
 “ shall come out of the East, spread with
 “ the

“ the Beams of the Son of Man, and shall
 “ destroy Castles of the Thames ; and there
 “ shall be Battles among many Kingdoms.
 “ That Year shall be the bloody Field,
 “ and Lilly, *F. K.* shall lose his Crown :
 “ And with it shall be crown’d the Son of
 “ Man *K. W.* and the fourth Year shall be
 “ many Battles for the Faith, and the
 “ Son of Man, with the Eagles shall be
 “ preferred ; and there shall be an univer-
 “ sal Peace over the whole World ; and
 “ there shall be Plenty of Fruits ; and
 “ then shall he go to the Land of the
 “ Cross.

The last Prediction of our famous Pro-
 phetess, 'tis said, was concerning the Time
 of her Death, which she declar'd to several
 Persons who visited her in her advanced
 Age. And when the Time she had pro-
 phesied of approached, she called her
 Friends together, advis'd them well, and
 took a solemn Leave of them, and laying
 herself down on her Bed, she departed
 with much Serenity ; being upwards of
 Seventy three Years of Age.

July 8th.

1754.

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At the Request of Some (who agree with me in supposing that the 71st and 72d Lines of the Verse-Prophecy belong to the *M—th—d—sts*, and to the effects of their Preaching) I am induced to spend a few Minutes in opening those two Lines, as I believe, upon second Thoughts, I am in some Measure able to do. They run thus;

- 71 “ Bishops shall fall into Contempt and
 “ Scorn,
 72 “ And Gospel-Anglers shall the Kirk
 “ adorn.

Now in order to the Bishops falling into Contempt and Scorn, we must suppose there shall be good Reason for the People's thus behaving to their Overseers.

Doubtless there will be sufficient ground for it: Which shall make the People leave them to follow more Spiritual Pastors, because this Change is for the better, and shews the good Sense of the People, whose
 Eyes

Eyes will be opened to see the Folly of adhering to those blind Leaders of the Blind, as I take it for granted they must be. If we look back five or six Lines we may be satisfied concerning this Opinion, for we are told Line 65 and the following, That he that chanceth to survive after the struggle in the reign of the Lion-Duce, shall see *England* greatly thrive; and one great cause of this thriving is, without doubt, the rising of these Gospel Anglers, who shall adorn the Kirk by their Holy and Exemplary Lives: They shall be Ornaments to the Church of *England*, which shall enjoy great Prosperity under their Ministry: Because they shall, like *Peter*, become Fishers of Men, as that Appellation of Gospel-Anglers, without Doubt, doth signify.

Now if we observe that the *M-th-d-fts* use this Method of going about to catch Men, and at the same Time adhere to the Church of *England*, using their Form of Prayer, &c. and professing themselves

Members thereof: I say, if we observe these things, we may be apt to think that these are the very Persons who are prophesied of.

And yet here is an Objection, which seems to contradict this Opinion; Which is, that these Gospel Anglers are not mentioned in the Reign of the Lion-Duce, but are to appear in those happy Times which succeed his Reign.

But I answer, although it be so, that they are not mentioned more early, yet that doth not prove that they shall not appear before. The Reason (as I apprehend) that Mention is not made of them before, is, because of the Disadvantage of their Condition before the Struggle; being oppressed by their Enemies. But after these Troubles are over, happy Times shall immediately succeed, and these Gospel-Anglers shall be so far differently treated.

Now in order to support this Opinion, I suppose

suppose that these Preachers shall at their first Rising bear their Testimony against the Corruption of the Age in General, and against the Blindness and Lukewarmness of the Clergy in Particular, for which Cause they shall be despitefully us'd, by the unrepenting Age. But God shall arise and scatter his Enemies on every side; who shall (those that survive) change their Behaviour towards the Messengers of God, and shall greatly honour them whilst at the same Time they shall scornfully turn their Backs upon their Blind-Leaders, and despise their Philosophical Wisdom.

But this will be made far more plain and evident in my Exposition of the Prophecy of the Witnesses in the Eleventh Chapter of the *Revelations* of St *John*; which (if God permit) I intend to publish in a few Weeks.

It may not be amiss just to mention a Sentence or two out of *Nixon's* Prophecy as publish'd by *John Oldmixon*, Esq: We
are

are there told, " that *George* the Son of *George* shou'd put an End to the Troubles that were to come upon *England*, and afterwards the Church should flourish, and *England* be the most Glorious Nation upon Earth. " And again, " A Young New Sett of Men of virtuous Manners shall come, who shall prosper, and make a flourishing Church for Two Hundred Years.

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